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Dearest Sis: Please make June 6
a few copies of this ——
maybe 1 — mr. Body of
Burbeach — one at
least — to Rose City Park
Pres. + thank Mrs Reed Post 13.
Elmhurst for the 10 — for
April from Rose City Park
Pres. World Services.

Ma
I'll answer Eric Welsh
about Hazel Nels 12.85 when
I get notified. Also
thank Eric for her letter —
Rose City is to send 10.00 a
month to you direct.

also. a copy of this to
Willard. Also. mr. J. E. Wise
+ thank him for April 30
letter + the 50 order
3009. 1st quarter '48
+ I'll write soon + send
a picture of mis Jan

3 yaw told me yours was
52.00? Was that the cost?
Would that be where I saw
a typewriter price? Then
where did this one come
from? I'll bet it was
yaw? Where? I haven't
tried it as yet. Imagine!
Like out of the blue!
Say for Report as Missionary
Purchase. Date 6/26/47
Last May, I sent to Tsinan
Fu & Kirk Went brought it
down here.

Tomorrow we go to
Yuan Chuang, about 35
miles out into country-
Nationalist country—
in Grey Beauty!

2 Such busy days ——— to
up at 5 each a.m. to
preach our loud speaker.
It is wonderful but
makes one a bit weary
in day time.

I'm stumped! I have come a type-
writer, bought thru the Board
brought in by Reuben Torrey!
no bill, no charges!
well marked to me — but
who? why? Did you do it?
Did Board get mixed up
on my order to you & fill
it to me? Can you find
out? I'm puzzled. I
was thinking I'd seen a
charge which I did not
know about — but can't
find it at all So I have
decided that in your letter

4] Would this be a good P.S. on the car letter? I think will have to send it to all on the list, after you get the corrections or ok from Atkinsons.

Have been going every a.m. kneeling & it is a marvelous thing. 850,000 tracts. — first printing soon to be all given out at the kitchens —— It is great fun ——

Bye sister mine, I want to get this off. Anyward re Mary? —— You

Much love, Irene

Mis. Frances Irene Forsythe

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June 30, 48

	DEBITS	CREDITS
Credit balance per statement of 3/31/48		72.65
Apr. Mdse. Macmillian Co.	.79	
Rem a/c credit balance Mrs. R.W. Achor	72.65	
June Rem. Mrs. R.W. Achor	40.00	
	113.44	
Apr. Undr. March Salary		45.00
April, May, June U.S.$ Salary @ 20.00 each month		60.00
June Div. Mutual Life Ins. Co.		1.52
		178.17
CREDIT BALANCE (SEND CREDIT BLANCE TO MRS. R.W. ACHOR)		64.73

SISTER.

Bed cover bandages

Dear Eula. This is duplicate copy - I do not see where this 64.73 was sent to you in June - not on any rent only 40. as I see it. June 25, 48. also July 18-48 a 40.00 DN

I recd note from Shanghai Oct 7 '48 says they sent you Ap. May June July + @ 40 each 160 but seem to have not rec'd since then. why? Need not write them - just watch it. Papers all over living room - trying to get my acct straight.

All the ladies saw their things appreciated especially the beautiful cover - I used it in hospital - many admired it & loved it! I used it on return home - & still

see it — lovely! I wonder
whose dress is those!!
I had a Russian girl help with
typing + letters — + several things
were what she wanted not cash —
I pro my old shoes — just a fit!
Her aunt needed a cape — so one went
to her — the old seal skin. Thanks, for
sinning! Cook put it on "The Angel" +
how it shone! Sorry to retail
trouble Hope all over now —
Thanks oo! must go —

Miss Lou waiting

my letters a mess sorry
much please!

Roy's copy must come
from here!!! When I get
the material

Lou-Ellen,

同豐造貿易行
青島蘭山路六号

Letter head TUNG FUNG MANUFACTURING AND TRADING CO. LTD
6LAN SHAN ROAD

TSINGTAO 8/IO/ 48

Invoice No;-------I290
Dept. Carpets
For Account of Mr. Tissard

To I rug 4by7 blue with flowers
28 sq, feet $U.S. $ 47.60

TUNG FUNG MANUFACTURING &TRADING CO. LTD.
LAN SHAN ROAD

Tsingtao 8/IO/ 48

Invoice I290
Dept: Carpets

2 rugs 2.5 by 4.5 blue w/flowers
22.5 sq, ft. $U.S. $38,25

Tung FUNG MANUFACTURING &TRADING CO. LTD.
6LAN SHAN ROAD

TSINGTAO 8/IO/48
Invoice No: I290
Dept; Carpets
For account of Mr Tissard

I rug 3 by 5.9 I7.7 sq ft.

$U.S 35.40

Tuesday Sept. 7

Dear Mrs. Achor,

I am writing for Irene as she is sick now, and has to be very quiet. She wanted you to know about her condition, and asked me to explain it. She had a sudden attack of coronary heart trouble a week ago, in the evening, and another one early Thurs. day morning, and has been in the hospital ever since. She's had no more attacks and seems to be getting along well. She's ordered to be perfectly quiet, even being fed by an attendant. The doc. tor plans to take an electrocardiogram soon to see the condition of the heart. She is not allowed visitors, so that she will keep calm, but she had permission to have me come to take some letters for her, so she could have peace of mind.

She feels she has neglected you terribly and offers apologies. There was so much to write and not enough time to do it and not be. ing satisfied to write a small message, none was written at all. Irene felt tired most of August and was taking a short vacation when she got sick. She has enjoyed the car so much, being able to swim at the beach, then have her supper out there and relax in the evening.

She took three Chinese teacher friends with her up to Lao Shan, the mountain resort about thirty

miles from here, for several days rest. She said she was going to sleep as long as she wished. We didn't hear from them for several days until the phone call saying to come up for her as she was too sick to drive home.

Mr. West and Mr. Bryant drove up, and one of them drove her car back. She described the attack as coming on during the evening meal and she became very nauseated and vomited many times. There is a German Catholic Rest House there, and the sisters gave her medicines and did all they could to relieve her pain. Nothing gave much relief until she was home again and the doctor gave her morphine.

He said she was to rest in bed for two weeks. The second attack came the following morning at 3 A.M. and it was after that she was taken to the hospital at 8 A.M. Miss Fan, her companion, sleeps on a couch in the room at night, so she can help her whenever necessary. In the daytime the nurses are in often to care for her.

She says that Doctor says, with rest there will be 100% healing. Irene says, "do not worry about me. I have wonderful care." She is thankful she was able to get down here where a good hospital and doctor are available.

She hopes that you've had a good vacation and

Coast 7:48

Dearest Sis:

Just a note — am better each day — Tiring to write — so that letter. This change in banking will surprise you. I had cash here which had to be converted (new law) so I cashed + will cash relief checks (there in 9:) here from my cash so that balance will slowly become mine & Mrs Jno's & Mrs Jas's but will keep that clear here — only that explains why their checks are coming to you, to deposit there. It is safer this way

3] Am mailing now what Bon. could do with take marked Christmas gifts so I dont pay duty free — Miss Jan is unhappy about the slippers — (at least they are the size!) The satin doesnt seem to hold up well. Shid gotten tia before & the parcel went thru the rainy damp weather. The embdy shoes — made too big for me — just guessing you might wear them. Dont let them charge duty on them — no value. Sorry Ray's pyjamas not made up.

R.C. now came in yesterday & says that Emmett is planning to come to see me!!

& now illegal for me to keep the cash I had on hand.

1. check no 22455 on the The Cleveland Trust Company Sept 7. 1948 cleveland O. to The Chase National Bank N.Y. for 10 00 payable to Br- M.O. Wessels.

2. check. Oct 7-48 # 72

Pasadena Cal.
East Pasadena Branch
First Trust + Savings Bank
of Pasadena
Payable to Mr. R.W. Acker
400.00
Signed
Marshall P. Wells

When? when Br. says O.K.
Thyra planned it before
just told me.

Sautmelaqui to come
here tomorrow for 10
days visit + meetings
with students. Remember
our dash to get him
to the train? Miss Jan
is so grateful for all the
fruit puns + all of your
labor + struggles
that ought to see her thru
Paul is X55 University of Houston,
Houston, Texas. Expect
Baby middle of Oct.

You get your a $5 birthday gift !! Please.
Roy your make bro. Did + don't forget
I'm getting a ring for your slave of
book I'll mail it till I can bring it
in duty free — so hang on till
then

— much love, Jean

West Englewood. N. J.
Oct. 13, 1948.

My dear Mrs. Arbor',

I know you are not in Oregon now, but some way I have not been able to find your new address.

This check for $____ is for her Xmas Gift from the woman's world service ass. of the Teaneck Presb. church, Teaneck. N.J. we feel that ~~the~~ she should use it for herself.

You asked about the various names from our congregation,

it is not necessary to send us but one report of her work, as that can be passed around. the officers change names, so that is why you have such a list from here.

yes, I am a distant relative of yours. my grandmother on my mothers side of the house was mrs. sarah D'orsyths who lived east of new concord, in the late years of her life. so the relationship comes thru my grandfather D'orsyths. whom I never saw, as he died when my mother was 10 years old.

I saw your mother when she was in the East when Irene was born from China and lived in Rutherford N. J. for a time.

My name was Watson before I was married and my husband teaches in the Teaneck N. J. we have one son. who is a student at Oberlin College in Ohio.

I do not remember that I ever met you. but if you are ever in New York Please to look

us up as we are just across
the Hudson River from N.Y.

most sincerely

Mabel W. McCalmont

American Presbyterian Mission
Shantung Executive Committee
Rev. D. K. West. Chairman
1, Tsiyang Road, Tel. 2-5187
Tsingtao, Shantung

Nov. 4. 1948

美國長老會
山東執行委員會
主席吳克敬牧師
山東青島濟陽路一號電話2-5187

Dear Van;

Your agent did very well by you, he got all your salad oil to me in time for it to spoil on my hands. We are using it however on the gutters and cesspool as originally planned. It will do very well for the most part to cover all expenses.

We are getting along ok. I do not feel that the Reds will bothe us too much. I am going to take a trip to Tsinan and to Weihsien with Gordon Mahy and we will see how we get along. I am very hopefuo that it will all work out well. We at least will try to go in and come back from the curtain. Lair isnde has oked the idea as far as I can te ll. Anyway we are going to make a try to find out hwat we can and cannot do. If all goes well we will be back by Thanksgiving and that will be a real Thanksgiving..

I have a vistor and he wants to get a pass and so I must stop this now. Let me know where those extra preaching places are for if things go as I now fear they will we may all be back in the USA in a few months. I may be looking for a job...

Your home looks wonderful. Burridge takes good care of it. Bertie wrote and the money is coming through.. All goes very well here. We have had a few scares but nothinh serious. The radar tracked a"lot of unidentified aircraft across the sky o Tsingtao, they would not answer to signals etc. etc." and now it turns out that the airplanes were the annual migration of flocks of geese and they were picked up on the radar and all guns on the ships int the harbor were loaded... What a life we live...

Cheerio Van. I will write again when not so pressed.

Irene well. Alll keeping busy, nd calm..

Several Chinese send greeting...

so long.

Kirby.

cheerio,

Dear Van.. This is an upside down world so is this letter. Your $200.00 from Bertie arrived, I changed it immediately at what it came to here which was only GY 566.30 and at 9.50 to 1 that did not net us much over $50.00 US$. What a world in which we live. Bertie did his best of course, but what a loss. We could not do anything when it came to us. Your other money likewise went to pieces. Exchange on balckmarket is now 20 to 1. This GY is done for too now. So I dont know what to expect. I will keep you informed of our plans, but we feel we ca stay on here for a while at least..

Dear Lula: Please can you check on the
Mrs. Brown's gift. It was 10.00 wasn't? but if I
rec'd Lee letter I have lost it — I'm not
sure how she wanted it used. Seems to me
I had it but, I can't find it. I have a
faint memory that it is for a miss ma - but
Mrs. Bert's was for her too, so I'm not clear
check or it I'd appreciate it! Thanks so!!

nov. 4. Was I "red in face" to have my copies of Bank letter
to Grandview returned in figures 130 and written in
one hundred' ——— & dated 1947. !! Here
is another. See I do need a glasses! & I had
tried so hard! I need to be more careful
take more time ——— so if you haven't
presented that yet — please — give this
one. I hope you haven't —— to save you
embarassment & destroy the other
& I will not know which sum!

Mrs. Benson of Burns sent the clipping re Mary.
I thanked her. Miss Mayfield

Nov. 6. Now I'll get this off; Would you get Paul's
baby a little present — I saw fork & spoon in
Monta. Ward's 1948-49 — 45CP8663T for 3.20
only a suggestion —— just use your judgment &
buy it from acct - please —

I've had a busy week — Been busy all
the days — gone out for a couple of
meals — Evening meetings ———
Am very much better ——— except I'm
inefficient —— We're having many

these days — refugees fleeing, folks alarmed over new currency which was to be sure to stay at 4 for 1 U.S. now on black market 10 to 22 for 1 U.S. We aren't allowed to sell at that but prices all are at that rate. It is a whirl! Many feel that the G will be in before long. Many say it will stay — as long as it is for U.S. interests — Chiang Kai-shek asked us where we want to move to but all we all feel to stay right here till we are forced to go. The South of C. is as vulnerable as anyplace & there may be a chance to stay & hold things together so far in Taiwan all is well — Anyway I'm not asking — to leave — No news of Bud's coming yet — It may be difficult to get away or to get here. I want him to take your rugs — if he uses them a year then duty free. Hope Ray your eye will soon be well! Mrs Hart (Paul's mother) is having trouble but Dr. is hopeful of saving it. She's lost one & this is the same bad year.

Bye Sis — I apologize for embarassing you over the letter!!

Much love — Must rest — Busy sul day — God bless you all —

Presbyterian Mission, November 17, '4

Dearest Sis. Yours air mails & slow mail have come. Nov. 1 the last one. So many dailys that it is hard to keep a informed — Consular orders — "yes- Had not hear Helen imprisoned" — Today heart expert on U.S.S. Repose (Naval Hospital) gave me good exam- ination. Question — Wayne's suggestion & Dr. Welles — Use art or gall bladder? — How l can I take? — Dare I stay Sunday, on till the last ditch — even try under the Cs? — or need I try to go home sooner? The problem of moving interior is complicated by the seeming total collapse of govt over China — — Why! Yes, will understand a lot of things later.

Yes, I've dickered about Nancy — Out of blue — Some Mitchells (she a Joseph girl) called — They'll take the car if I sell it (supposedly) + they deliver it to Antipinos — But will they? They will take the rugs + send on to you. They can get them in duty- free. Otherwise I'll try to send them

by Navy to Bud. If he
uses them a year they
duty free. Honey, I had
the feel of writing. I got a 200.00
check. 100.00 into Hawthorne in
her memory. The other 4
some more to you with
my love. They are
lovely. Got some that go
packed in Van Leuven's
boxes & can likely send
a trunk or two later.
One has to have special
permission to put things in
a car, even if I get car
off.
Guess our input problems will
prohibit Bud's coming.
Meeting tonight to decide
some things. Wonder whether
Atkinson would wish me to
get car out -- as primary motive
use it to help me till last
with claims of its loss --
as primary motive. Much love
Irene

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AIR LETTER

TSINGTAO

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Mrs. R. W. Asher
Box 678
Grandview
Wn.
U. S. A.

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Presbyterian Mission Dec 5 , I948

Dearest Sister and all:
I will begin a letter to you tody, Sunday. Idid not go to service this morning, tho I am really out mad going around and doing a lot agian but ther is arefugee church service for all of our Kiaotung refugee Christians at I:30 but they come about IPm so I want to be there to help with tha seffice and to play the organ, piano, I mean . It is still a bit early so I will visit a bit. I got off the ""Angel " ad Bruce Morgan ad the minister to go out to to a country church today , saw some visitors , students etc, finihed my breakfast and then have been out sitting in thesun for a time. I slept I think. Yesteerday I lead my first service sice being ill. It was the students of the boy's school about 30 . They re some new believers alos so of theoleder ones. I was such a exquisite joy to be able to do so agian. This Tuesday coming am to go out to agov't school for a students meeting. Last week I went t Ssu Fang ad Chan Shan Women's meetings besides the meetings to do business and plan for things..... This is just to say that life is gettin g more busy ad more back into its old grooves.

Your letters hve come nd been so very welcome and the various slips form the bank and all. The prunes tow large sized packages wrappedin paper got thru ad in very good condition. There was one parcel that had a few moulded ones. It lookedot be that they had ahad abit of water from theoutside on the way someplace. You can tell how Miss Fan does apprecite them for she said that she should eat even the bad ones , for they hd come so far and had been so much work for you ' you had spent so much heart on them '. She asked me to thank you very especially adto give you her best wishes and to tell you howmuch she appreciates all of the effort of thefolks that gave them ad all that you wentthru to gt them dried and mailed and a all. She hs a glood supply on hand now. Too, Mrs. Mitchell who was a Joseph girl saw about my illne ss in the CHIEFTAN and came to call., is going homeon this ship and hd somethingsto sell. We got some prunes too from her . Thanks to you al , sheispretty well stt up now.

Next, if you gt sme bundles thru the 'friends post office do not be surprised. When he first orders came out alll I couldthink ofwas the rugs to get to you. My first thought was to get the R.C. man here to mail them to Bud and let him use them for a year and then hecould mail them t you. That was planned andhe came for them , butsaid why not to you. He said ifhe put them in separate bundles he colld sent them . valued at not over $50.00. For the wholesale price and the reale uninflated price even the large one comes inside that. Of cous there is no question bout the smaller ones. He is going to mail them along t intervals and avoid the Christmas mail too. So you should eventually get a large blue oval one and twoamaller of that same pattern. Thai is mostly out of MotherFan and it is my love gift to you . There isthefourth which I call mine andI got it for the bedroom here. Had it down just a few weeks and loved it. you will too use them ad enjoy them . Y u should not have to pay duty for the come under the $50.00 valuation , each. I have one other plain blue , matching the lighter blue one, but I decided to send it later, bring it , I mean, if I came . There were rather pressing orders ad when Betty Wright came she offered to take atunk for me. I had already put some vases and things I'd liketo save in the spaces in the boxes going by frieght to Mary Van Deusen so I had very little to fill in thistrunk. I putin somebooksbut to fill it withthem would be too heavy . I put in thetwo antique chairs that I had had just covered ,too . Then there was still space so I rolled up that rug to fill it. That trunk will go to the Board rooms at 228 acAllister and with it a wooden box of books. The box Daddy S, i made for me to bring to CHina , Suppose you leave them there for the present till we see what coms up. I did want to save the Mother F n mirror. Mrs. Mitchell had room in her space so she is wrapping the mirror , the navy paking it andit will go with her thingstill her husband is let out andthey set up houeskeeping again, In the meantime it will be in the Navy storehouse I'll get her address and tell you later and also give yoursto her so when that comes she will send it to you. You've just gotten fid of the boy's stuff to store again for me. This makes some things arriving in Amenia. N.Y. and someon the West Coast. Anyway I feel better to ge them out of here. I expect to stay till the last , under the Commies , if it comes to that and so the things there are less to think of there. I'LL send you a list of the things at Van Deusens too, in case anything happens to me you should get them , I have very little here now but my clothes and Van Deusden's furniture. I have had word thatBud was tr ferred to Guam. . It was fortunate then tha t we did not send therugs to him.

Eula, I am so mystified . I seemly can get no trace of the PEP bonds. Did we not have them at Oregon City. I cannot remember. Margie has gone over all of then things and cna't find them Bessie seemed to remember that she had sent something to em t thetime of y operation in Chicago It seems ery vague to me that she did , and so I thgt that the Boarddmight hve them with the liberty bonds but they wite bak tht they do not. Now I wonder were we not looking t them sometime in your living room - or were we looking t yours? I am utterly t aloss to say just what on any of the points? The Board speaks of two sealed letters but they vould not have them in them t all. Surely the company has a record which might beavailable . I cannot think that they

could be there with you for you have combed over everything in the moving and you have such a good memory on thethingsliketha tha that could not slip you . I do nto now what to do but to ask Margie to try to get a record of the stocks form them and try to get duplicates or a n exchange without the certificates. It is terribly dumb I am sure to b so dtupid in memory of them .

Yesterday I got out all of the letters from you and all of the slips and alll and recorded all of the things . I found the slip in question - the I69.73 . I had come in a slow mail. That is all clear , I think. Then in your letter I found the letter from Mrs. Browne, with yours on the back. I had done the right things and given the money to the right person. Please drop Mrs. G?F?browne , 6604 Nokomis Ave. Cincinnati 33 Ohio , a postal and tell her tht I gvethe money to Miss Ma and she as very gateful. Miss Ma is living now with ther sister in Tsingtao and I gave her a big helping of warm things and cloth andother things, he said that she could ge get thru thewinter nicely with the things. That was when I gve her the money from Mrs Berst and now with yours she will be even better fixed , She did not mean financially , but with her clothes when shesaid she could get thru the winter. Her sister is a midwife . Things re very high so I am sure she appreciated your gift very much . You will like y hear form her thru Mrs Berst. (I meanMrs. Browne will). Di d you prpperly thank them for the bandages and the little sheets and all. I appreciate theinterest in the things and all that your ladies are beginning . Please giv them my very deepest appreciation. Your had a few questions -- No, the decorations , noe the name , nor anything about the bock was referred to me. some was cut but that was alright. No there isno royalty. They just gave me a check for $200.00, a half of which I gve to the Fans to repair their home andfor the memory of Mother Fan and theother I putintoyour rugs. Sorry about Raleigh with t.b. They have good circumstances s so he shauld recover al right. Hope so anyway. Just recently the word came that the slides hd been sent out . They had to be made and the lecture typed for arather large order. There will be others made later. WasN'T I aghast at the $500. Mary Rinninger. I have tried to locat her to thank her for a subscription to a magazine but had not succedded. I thought she was in Oak Park but there was no trace of her. Our 400 families of refugee Christians , we discover, had practically al fled without thier Bible s, many hah ahd them distroyted by the Cs so I am using $I00.00 of her gift at onceto get Bibls for them . I thnkk that shewil be glad of that. A nother gift$200.00 camr lt night in the mail. That as specified ato b ued for myselfpersonally to help me get well. That is a family that I have not known t all personally. They were in thecongregation in Ashton, Ill. Adrus and Jesse Grifrith. They have frequebtly sent 50s and one hundred a couple of timesbutthisis the largest form them. I likely will find some place needing it very much.

I am typing -- thisbad kind less-- with less strain . Will I ever be goodat it???? Sister, I have descended to the next stage of spinsterhood. The Mitchells gave me their pair of greenish blue love- birds. So all I ldc is acat .... They are just in thefamily process and two littee red wee ones are in the nest andto day I see a new one about Iinch long. I never saw such atiny thing. Last noght when I ame in I hard them fussing so I turned on he light to give them fe d anddid the mother scold like anything. She mde it plain in no uncertian terms that she wanted to b covered up and not bothered. Such fun to see him feed her and then she gose back to thelittle hungry mouths. I feel better located this A.M. I have pulled out Mary's desk tht ha been used in thebedroom and gotten it in agood light and my mchine on it and will try to do my le ters here. It does not fitinto a dinning room but I have been here just th the same with letters sll scattered over thetable. Then thecook moves them and so it goes. I'll just be comfy and move the desk back against thewall when necess ary to look better.

Another evacuation ship left yesterday . Some new couples with small babies on it from The Pres Board. It is sickening. Of course anybody's guess is good as to the future. Dick Bryant came out of Tsinan andhas told us of the fair treatment ther e, so far, At any rate it is an opportunity to stay on. That doesnot say al is well and their prgram is good. but he feels that Tsinan may be the first place to ry out waht seems to hvebeen a change of policy ... Anyway I am in favor of keeping my toe in iany opening that ishere still.

Mrs. Fan(third sisterin law) is having such a long siege of suffering and expense with this glauc oma operation and the possible hope ofbeing able to see. It is not certian yet. Poor Miss Fan has had to run to hoppitals all Fall , first forme then for her mother, She has gotten a few grey hairs over it.

Evangelist services a.m & even. next week - Elder Hsu is leading — a.m. village church 5:30-7 Pre students H.S.

mrs. Lawrence Mitchell Joseph, Oregon is the lady. (She was Laura McClain & was a relative related to Margarets Beidan family.

By dear Much love, Irene

Betty W. will mail a parcel of Christmas cards — hand painted by Bible school girls I wanted to get them mimeographed with a letter to send out I'll still try to get the letter to you but do not try to do it before Christmas. My old "girl" has other work — —
I hate so to bother you with all of this! You're such a peach + I depend on you very much. Wonderful the birthday party + so glad you're so happy there! God "never lets one down". —

January 8, 1949

The Board of Missions of Presbyterian Church
I 56 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Mr. Vonnegis:

Thank you for your letter answering my request to search for the Portland Electric Power Company stock . We are all on the search and one seems to have any clear memory on it.

Yes, you may open the two sealed envelopes to see if they might possibly be in them. I do not think it at all possible but it is all right to open them.

This morning I went thru my old record book and I find this note which may help in the tracing.

'PEP stock 4 [illegible] I00 F02927
4 [illegible] 6 F03732
(written under that) sent to N.Y. April I5'40 "

My next item in that list is the account number of the Greenwich Savings Bank , New York City. I, 003, 679. I am sure I could not have sent it to them as I have no box there. I might not hurt to check there, however. I am sure that to sent to N.Y. meant to the Board. I have no letter or receipt about that.

May I trouble you to search farther. This old stock for years was paid no dividends but now is to be exchanged for paying stocks. Please send the stocks , if found, to Miss Margaret Forsythe, 3I0 E. Lincoln Street, Salem, Oregon. She will proceed with the exchange.

Thank you for your service,

Sincerely,

Dear I[illegible]: This is so far. I want to tc have these in your forgetless mind. Mine does forget so ....' I also found my original list of estate division the numbers :
July5, I933 (First preferred) stock Certificate p-02I022Y
2I shares ; July 5 , I933 First preferred Fp07959 -60
45 shares : Nov4, I933 Registered in Portland P-02970

It seems to me that these wereall turned in once and new stock issed so that I assume that numbers in the above account are the numbers that go now, I am sending this above to Margie and asking her to do what she can in case the Board can't find it. I can't figure why I ent it then unless it was taht I revised my will then. Well we will see what Margie finds.
I am glad at least to have the numbers and the information on the number of shares. I am trying to get this cleared to mail on a ship going out on Monday morning . Have the heavy letter with Van's bill of lading and these for you

Tsinan, Sung. Feb. 4, 1949

Dear Mother, Members of the Family, and Friends;

Again an unexpected opportunity comes for sending a letter to Shanghai. These opportunities always come suddenly and never allow much time for writing. The last letter which I wrote to all of you was written so hastily that it was full of mistakes and I had the feeling that I was not saying what I wished to say. Earlier this week I started a letter to Mother on its way to Tsingtao. Iam just recovering from an attack of shingles which affected my neck and left shoulder. I think two or three more days will see the spots gone. My strength has been returning for several days, and I expect to dress tomorrow and walk over to the hospital. The matron at the dormitory, Miss Chang, has come every day and changed the dressing for me. We became very good friends during our days in the basement together. Fortunately this illness came just as the semester ended and since we have one month of winter vacation I will be back on the job in time to be ready for the opening of the new semester.

Some of the students who evacuated with the Arts and ~~Orient~~ Science group to Hangchow have made their way back to Tsinan. The group there live and carry on classes in a huge, old Buddhist temple. The place is famous for its scenic beauty, but the present cost of living is so high the students are destitute and the school has to feed many of them. We hear that many of the faculty as well as the students are wishing that they could get back to Tsinan but will have to wait until summer vacation and see whether travel is possible or not. To enter or to leave territory held by Nationalists or Communists is difficult and involves some danger.

Word from the Medical School group in Foochow reports that there too, the cost of living is extremely high and they have the added difficulty of not being able to speak or understand the Foochow dialect, but that teachers and students are close together (probably because of this), and doing good work.

Here at Tsinan we feel that we have safely sailed through the straits and weathered some heavy storms, and are expecting fairer weather a head. We feel that a very good spirit has been developed between both students and faculty. We are losing a few students to the Communist schools but suprising few in view of the total situation. We had a fine time at Christmas. The various programs were all worshipful in character, and one play especially, written by a teacher and acted by some Christian students, was positively evangelistic in theme and presentation, and ended with an exhortation addressed directly to the large audience. The school workmen dramatized the 'Prodical Son' as their part of the program. A student choir trained by one of them gave an evening of Christmas music. On another evening there was a pageant of the Christmas story. Five students were baptized on Christmas Sunday.

In other places in the city Christian work is going forward. Twenty-five were baptized in the East Suburb Church last month. That church has made repairs necessary due to the battle and is planning on building a new church building, and that just at the time when many places are folding up in the face of actual and anticipated difficulties and large numbers have been evacuated on the grounds.that it was useless to carry on. Mr. Wang, the pastor of that church, when he was telling the congregation of the fine response made to the appeal to go forward said, "It was I who did not have enough faith."In the last two months there has been a forward move toward Christ among the students of the Provincial Medical College. We are told that rec-

cently about fifty of them have become Christians. They have meetings three evenings a week. We hear of this through one of our teachers, Mr. Chang, (the one who wrote the play) who has been speaking once a week at this meeting. The meetings are held outside the school, but nearby.

The hospital seems to be taking a new lease on life, that is spiritual life. They had reached a pretty low ebb. One or two of the younger doctors who are Christians became actively concerned over the situation. They have organized a number of Bible study groups. Mr. Davies teaches the workmens' class, Dr. Snyder the doctors, Mr. Chang,(the teacher mentioned above), a group of nurses, and I meet with the young women who work in the offices, etc. These groups have been meeting about a month, so results are not yet apparent. Please be praying for these groups. There was no preaching on the wards but on Christmas the staff held a service in each ward. The patients requested more, so now regularly services are being arranged.

The group of workmen from this campus who have been coming here to our house every Thursday evening continue to come. With the exception of the last two times (China New Year vacation) the attendance has been between thirty and forty adults and six or eight children. It is not intended for children but some of the men brought their children and we made them welcome and encouraged them to do the memory work and gradually others fathers have brought their children. The Sunday afternoon class for the wives of the workmen has had a very small attendance but those few are very regular.

In Mother's last letter she said that several had sent me Christmas packages, letters, and cards. I haven't received any but eventually they will reach me perhaps. The revolution is progressing rapidly and the war may be ended within a year. We hope so. The Tsigtau people try to get Mother's letters through to me but any other mail is out of the question at present. Mr. Davies keeps well and sodo all our little community. Local merchants advance us money as against our credit in Shanghi so we manage all right financially. I had a letter from Miss Wagner at the orphage in Yiksien (we have mail connections within liberated territory) she had to give considerable grain to the new government. I suppose that was on the basis of "property tax".

Please have copies made of this letter and send them to the people on the same mailing list as before. Thank you all for your love and prayers and Thanks most of all to our God and His Christ. To Him be glory forever.

With love and best wishes in which Mr. Davies joins me.

Helen McClain

Feb. 16, 1949

Dearest Sis: What a mess . I am so sorry about that and the rugs. At first I asked him whether he could send them to Bud. It was his suggestion that they be sent to you. I know that Bud sent in loads. Whether the question of the legality rests on the valu e or hisright to mailthem I am not sure . I guess it is that he sent to another fami ly He said the only restriction was that each parcel not exceed $50 in value. He has j just been transferred from here . I am getting a letter to him but I have no way to tell you how to reach him so you just stick to that. There had never been any in- voice shetts made out so the man in the shop made these today for me to send to h him(I DO NOT HAVE carbon copies but I will copy the invoice sheets and sent them on this letter. The shipper said for me to send theoriginals to him and then for him to send on to you with his letter hoping that you are enjoying your gifts. I have snt them to him a nd a copy of your letter too so he will haveall of the facts . I caan not figure it out . SIS, they must have the rugs there andit mustbe the 3 smaller rugs that they are tlking about. How could they be talking about thelarge on that has already been delivered to you? So the three rug must be ther in Seattle PostOffice.

The rugs are gifts to you ad they are not for sale , this is the bone fide inv oice and he has a right to send within the $50.00 perparcel.

Now about the valuation. That is absurd. Here is this point. Rugs bought here in China cannot compare with the commercial rate. They are cheap if bought here as there is a great difference between the market import price if an inporter goes thru a bank to buy it and add taxes etc aand commission and get a low rate of exchange on his Us money . They rate bought here on terms set at the open market rate without all of the commissions and import lisence etc. Shippers all invoice them at the wholesale rate . So these valuations on these slips are right. They cannot (cus just take a rug in the shop window, after it has gone thru all of that process and a cpmmercil duty added to it and store profit and all.and take its value to set the price of the rug bought here in China. He has a right to sends his gifts home. so these facts with what he will writ you are yours. I said for you not to say any- thing or do anything about it till you hear from him. If it comes to paying a reasn onable duty allright, from my account but protest any such valuation. These are the accurate ones. made out by the company .

I will write to The Dr. Sayre and ask that they arrange for another edition if possible , if I can ever get to it. You might write telling of the calls that have not been filled. I suppose if there is eniught assurance of selling they will print it. I havenot heard at all further. I'm so swamped in another Mission responsi bility that I have little time to think of myself or other things. Mission chairma gone home and the getting of money is such a problem- to get US. Checks cashed and then put into products or gls bars , silver, The inflation is so bad that one looses by the monemt after the money is in the chinese currency so it is the most compli cated form of bookkeeping as well as heart strain. It has saved our money tho to do it so . You heard about my salary check $25.00 by the time it was changed in Shanghai and sent up and founf the banks closed $2.5 dollars bought one sack of flour and 2 chinese silver dollars. Now even that way it cannot come from Shanghai Maybe next they will send them thru HongKong... but we have just been despeate on t job this week. I wrote you twice that I would go ahead to cash a $00 check with the possibility of having overdrawn . The Board has sent to our account $250. we hear tonight so write the Board if this happens. I'll go over the later notes from you an check. Don't let it worry you if I overdrew just wrtie the Bord to sent it. We had to get some money ahead in case we were cut off.

Please return Board order to Mrs. Allen

Aother thingPlease send the medicine to Presbyterian Mission Tsingtao % American Consulate General Tsingtao, Navy 3913, Box 29 SanFrancisco , Cal. This is the consular mail box and we are to be allowed to use it if we need to or in emergency Cnyl use it for that . The medicine is that as if the turn over should come and the port b closed it could not get in at all but this consular mail can get in some way. Funny how the reports got in without postmark, mailed on the transfer perhaps but not sure. The painting on cards was done by womwn of BIBle School-H.S. girls really That was TuckWett's careful training. Never mind do as you can about the cards. I s ent two packs , I feel sure of cards but even so they will be short. The second bun dle had other than banbinos. I'll not worry . For you to do this is wondefrul and a any way you say is grand and I thank you !!!!!..

Feb 24, '49 Tsingtao-- Dearest Sis and Roy: More lettrrs came in y e
terday and since I have aminut before the days rush begins I want to visit a
few minutes . Thank you for theletters from the twins . How well they are doing
and all God bless them and thier little families. I ead in Time, l st night how
crowded the law profession is and fa t grateful for the blessings on Winfield,
He will get inotchurch there surely , That is an encouraging start . That is
splendid for Winfield to have Mayo for training. I hope you are feeling well a
after opeation sinus and all. D not let the report letters get you too weary
They are rather timeless ad can be delyed . Thank you so for all that you are
doing so day day for me. You are a great help ad blessing to me. , dear folks.
Tell them tha the tithe went to the little girl . She still does not know of
her mother'sdeath. Miss Fan's mother has just had a seige of operation and
almost loosing the sight of theone remaining eye, tha is etter but still she
could not stand the strain of this , the other d y the little girl saw someone
who also lives not far from them ad said let'sgo over to ask herwhether she h
has seen my mother. Often Miss Fan has agood cry over it. Thank them so for th
tithe. ,t was drwn in the480 check that I wote. D d you tell Mrs Berst,
109 Grace St. Orlando tht you can deposit checks for me? I think tha was what she
meant, as she has sent them to me direct before. Interesting, the one I sold yes
terday was at a highter rate than the black market. Now we can go to the Bank of
China and sell them for Chinese currency very simply ad it is easier than any
other way ad we do not loose on them . I sold part of Mrs, Russell's check yesterday
that $100 which will becoming to you fom the Board. They sent a check that I could
not negotiated so returned and asked them to se d it to you. Before I had even
begun to worry about howto help the primary school children with their tuition
here comes this letter saying' help children'. This is the first I have had from
her and my reports hae not emphasized need for children. It made a deep impres-
sion of the bankker to whom I soldthe check. when I told him about theway The Lord ha
had provided. You might drop Mrs. Bert a cpostal r the check. I was glad to
get Margie's note. from U. of Wn. They found the stock at the Board in the
sealed envelope. She will tend to it. I paid postage to Tissard here $5.00
for thepostage. The rugs were a set of threeovals same pattern (the large on you
have. Then there was a third with pagodas and flowers on ita medium blue. Total 4
That is all that Tissard had. This might be said if ever the time isright that
at that time all was very tense here and people had been ordered out , and to
get things out .The navy opened Navy freight to folks and thing s went that
way as navy not thru customs - as adterrmiti on not leave things to the C's
so that was the spirit in the mater. A chaplain took some for one here and told
them that they belonged to the ones staying to loose all in case of necessity
and if they had come out they could have brought them along but chose to stay on. They
said the things were thru. The best thos is to do as he tells you when you
hear from him. I do not know how many parcels he sent whether the other 3 were
all in one parcel or not. If they were then their value would be stretching the
$50 limit perhaps. a bit. I sent to Bud thru the West's going home a parcel for him
and for Warren and for you. I since wrote him to mail yours to Bessie since
you had had that trouble with the Seattle office. In the parcel to you is a gift
set of scrools for me and a jewel tree for you. Put up the scrools and enjoy
them. Nice to get Aunt Callie's letter and am glad that Earl is home ad that she
had Christmas with them. Where does she live in Salem? Yes I got the coffee ,
Thanks so muchfor it all . One day this week we all divided up he West's things
so have had another share to groceries to buy at cheap rate. God 's care is too
wonderful. * of the Wes t's too, All of the cars loaded on tha shop were taken
off but Kirk's was put back on so they will have it to use in Cal. She got outof
her 6 hr long operation very well too. Fear of cancer inside. but not malignant.
Your air of Feb 12 is here. I am s amazed at that balance. I have written 27
checks . I wonder how many have not returned . So far I have back here.
I'll work on that acct today and later give you an acct . Glad no danger of
getting you in jail''..Imagine that D giving me so much medicine, I hope that

Dec 15 '48 Dear Sis & Bro: Sent by Betty W. graf Bal rooms in San Fr. Ship

my word about the consular address got there for it to come that way , if no never mind. Let the Board know the about the consular address. I'llre-peat it in case that letter did not reach you. PRESBYTERIAN MISSION TSINGTAO % AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL , NAVY3913, Box 29 SAN FANSISCO , CAL . Whom did George marry? I missed that I guess.Too bad about the church at Brownsville. Glad the window was saved . A wee little flock there to rebuil it. I'll have to get them another banner some day. Have the Christmas picture on the desk . I have moved my office into dining room and have a better corner for writing. I just must keep at this typing I cannot find anyone to help me on it I mustjust learn it. Have this new T reas job and have more on books to do.I do not choose it but it is necessary to learn the ropes for if I shojld be on o fthe last ones then I must know how to do things. No I write very little to family you more than others and to you often, I fdo not get letters off. So if you care to relay the news that will be fine. I think you should not be so sensitive ab ut Roy's handicap - It is wonderful to be able to carry it on so well and do all of the work. Even if the people do know of the difficulty they will appreciate the overcoming of it and will be sympathetic. But isn't it a mavelous placethat God has led you to , where you have such abundance of food and little strain and loving appre-ciation. I am so grateful to them all for their love and care of you both. I hope the time will bring more healing. Remember the ministry is a spiritual one and that can be given even with some handicaps- perhaps evne enhanced by them God Bless all of you . Yes my dear the face pumice arived . My did you ha have a windfall'' I'll bet the clerk was mystified at your purchae.!!! Yhanl yo you so much . Please pay the duty on that parcel from my money. That lace is Venician point lace made into table cloths, etc. Copied from the old world famous lace by Chinese women. Wonder whether the Board or any ther in Pottland might have aprojector to loan. I still have the car and going strong They said to use tomaximum regardless of final disposition. "onderful'

Irene Forsyth
Presbyterian Mission
Tsingtao, China

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letter #2 on Feb 24. '49 Tsingtao

Dearest S, s; I have gone over accts all morning. I find so many checks have not been reported ; Suppose I list my deposit slips and checks and you check with the bank in thier adding machine . I can't believe there is so much balance. their records,

checks I8; 50 ; I00; I30; I0;50; 49.85; I30;40; 25; 50; I00; 50; 27;250; 25; 480; 50; 5; I0; 50; 300; 5; 50; II5; 20;20 Tota l 2209.85

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of this 120 - is what I figure is Lords,

I almost missed seeing a pencilled note on one letter that you had spent 60 for the slides . You must put that to my account you must not spend for that at a all . I ordered those and I do not expect you to pay that.

I want to tell you what has been sent home.
I sent you a list did I not of things sent to Van Deusen's
I.Things at Van Deusen's

2. Mother Fan's Mirror sent by Sgt Mitchell . he sends to Board 225 Mc Allister San Francisco. Cal.

3 One big trunk --- two antique chairs in it and mis. and the small blue rug Betty Wright tok it set to Board in San

4 One wooden box of books Betty Wright "

5. One wardrobe trunk sent by DKWest SSAnderson "
This has another rug in itsmall blue figures on a cream ground

6 Molly's trunk filled with a few Chinese things thickly packed sent with BarbaraWilson's things probably D.K.West sent to Board rather than she as it was on the boat with him and the other trunk Betty Wright , Kirk and Barbara have the keys. Addresses can be gotten from the Board. Let the Van Deusuen things just stay there

If the Board insists have them expressed up to you if not let them stay there a time. Be sur that you pay out my bank acct. That 500 the Board sent is a salary for a long time over six months so I am not concerned about being too rich but I still think that it must be some mistake. You can see that if I have to get out I have not left much here. The fact hat I am using Mary Van's furniture leaves me not too bare but I got some things in the face of not beinf ableto gt them dor a long time if it comes to having to run for it. I can get along on my present clothes till furlouggh time. Tha noemally will be in either '50 or '5I. shorter terms because of the strain and the need to stagger the furloughs of ushere so all will not be away at the same time. This leaves me feelin g veryffee of things really. What I leave Miss Fan can care for and use . , even if I have to g in a suitcase.

Must closenow and gt a bit if a sleep and then write somenotes to thank folks. Mrs' Russell gift had brought particular joy. and I ant her to know it very soon.

Fortunately I have enuf
faood for a long time
& flour laid in to pay.
servant & some 390. in
U.S. currency & some silver
dollars — so I'll be
fixed I feel sure for
whatever emergency
comes. Don't worry about
me. I am very grateful
that God has so led
& provided, that we
can stay & also given
the continuous gifts to
share & help others!!
Thanks so for all! I'm
so relieved to get the insects
clear. I keep a wide sheet of
paper & record at each check
so I can see where it can be too dry off

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Dear Folks: If I get a letter in the machine then there amy be jopw od getting a few words on it. I have not written for so long to you all . It is not that I have not had you in maind for I have and been constsntly reminded in ine way and onother of you love and constant care for me. All of the things you are doing to help me and to keep me here . The lovely memories od all of you keep comong to me in the little time that I have to think of other than these pressing things. All of your love, gifts and thoughtful things you do for me are before me all of the time. I'm so grateful for you all /// nut please do not let my many letters NOT written ba a criterion of how much I love you all.... It seems months since I have sat down to get a letter of to you. . It os not quite that bad but I know there are months of accumulated news that has not been relayed. Anyway now, even tho I can't get all of that in I'll write a bit and hopeto get others done in better time. This is the 6th . I did not get very far even with h paper in he machine.

My tremendous job of thes last six weeks or so is out to see the light. Suddnely , just as we were thought to be ontheverge of being taken over.... all money sources were cut off, thr the let us cash several checks so att once , in the midst ff the West's crisis- Tuck with a very serious operation - feared to be cancer but was not at last- packing them up --.the tens days. and money impossible to get. Kirk had cared for a lot of this before but it suddenly was much more com;licated. Several thousand dollars to sell into Chinese, then get it inot gold bars, flour , silver dollars, and U.S. as soon as possible before it went up . Even then the value was decreasing every minute..... Then after that to get it all apportioned into the proper classes in accord with the Shanghai budget. I was short a lot of the information, besides I hardly knew ahat was in each class. We had to get Kirk's accojt straight , the Shanghai account righr, work out the losses and apportion them over all of the grants, give out the shares to the various stations, and work out for the next quarter, along with Eleanor just having to go over night and taking over the Tsingtao accounts- which had alot of tricks in it---- I sure worked. It seemd that what I used to do with the accounts with Ella and Van to audit the accounts was like child's play. That was just cash a check and in ine currency . We have had to run two , sometimes three, always on a market that cahnges hour by hour..... Bruce and Gordon went to Shanghai with all of the fina. results of my hours of struggle and I about fell over when he reported that they were very pleased . At any rate now we are on the path. I am sure going to keep Bruce informed on all I know. Suddenely Kirk and Eleanor who understood this having to go was hard. Ayt last now we have a HonhKong account - for Hon Kong dollars in a pinch .I have not begun yet to learn he ropes for Shanghai dollars but will havr to . and a New York acount for checking so it will be so much simpler now. There is ann accountant in the gov t office who helps me in the evenings with the bookkeeping. At first he could not help much more than check figures for he did not know what it was alll about eith but he will be able to help me much more asthe time goes on. This has been in addition to many jobs that I could not get out of. Gordon was sick for a while and then the two of them went to Shanghai, Kenny was a way a week, and so it goes. You need not be surprised that no letter wwere writtten. nor that nor typing effeciency has been gained. This week end was very heavy but such fun..... I took off a woolen sweater ... paid for it with a cold for three days but taday I feel better. I am very definitely going to slow up and get some time off now as soon as this next quarters money is out. If I can only get it in U.S. cash then it is so much simpler. Tomorrow I will get on all of the lines to see how I will succeed. rva has promised to help me on a near thousand..... This is to give you a weee inkling into the complexity of life these days. Any little simple thing - simlpe in the old days- in so complicated and frustrating in comparison. Well, I fear we are due a lessening of our numbers. Narbara is no better much, and it seems necessary for the Wilsons to get an early furlough. The Mahys with such a big family abd the school problem are faced with it too. Their best way sees to accept the position in the University in the Phillipines for a year or two until the present Chinese situation is better. Dick Bryant and his new wife are here for now. He's in the depleted American school and keeping the other families here , as a result, but there is much pressure for someone to take up the work that Mr. Boone's death left- Why they think Sh will be tenable longer than Ts I cannot see, but if they get the Bryants there that will leave us shorter. Bruce Morgan will stick it out as long as possible. His wife and little Jil are in HonhKong for the present. He is surely wonderful and and tower of strength. Has done a grand job with the language, attitudes are fine and in all in great. I am so grateful for him I will miss Kenny so. He , too has been wonderful/. There are news reports of the interior that the rules ge tigheening up on the churches and that the hope of ' changed outlook' see not too clear. It is all that the picture seems to have given for in the past . What wil be the outcome is not sure. yet. I do so hope tha the new gov't can ease up some thingsbut ev even so I think it is temporary..... My guidance is to stay put here still. The U.S. ships ar still in the harbour.... That long the Commies are sadi ti have said they will not come/ Who knows on that however.... Miss Fan says after they leave-- or if they do finaaly -- that I should go too. We will see..... Spring is coming . lilacs getting fatter each day.

Tsingtao, May 3, 1949.

Mr. Robert J. Cadigan
General Manager
Presbyterian Life
321 South 4th St.
Philadelphia 6
Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Two days of curfew during the Communists of Tsingtao have kept me at home and callers out, also there is a Norwegian ship to take letters to Hongkong. Between the telephone calls on the progress of the entry of the army and watching the scenes on the street, I have dashed off something to go along with the group of pictures taken in Tsingtao at the Presbyterian Mission. It may be of no value to you at all. Further then its being the last minute news of Tsingtao Churches In Isolation. I cannot even give a title. If it is destined for the waste basket my sister Mrs. W. R. Achor, Grandview, Washington, will be glad to refund your postage if you send the pictures to her.

This may not be proper procedure but I have this one opportunity to send out this material. I am also sending a copy to the OUTREACH since there are more than you will likely use. A note from you to Miss Florence Hayes might avoid duplication. This may sound assuming, but I hope you will understand my position. I am just trying to get what material I can out to the church. Do as seems best with it. Thank you.

Sincerly yours,

Irene Forsythe

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Dearest SIS: A"other 'last ship' Wonderful how they keep coming, isit not? This one s a Norwegian one that came in to boost our dwindling vity supply of cael. It get here right fom the excitement of the 'turnover'.I wonder whether you kno yet that Tsingtao went to he C. on June 2nd. I have not heard it announced on any of the American news casts. If so you have not worried at least. I am enclosing to you thre copies , not all correct and not too good of the letter I snt out to "Presbyterin Life" (see reverse side) and Outreach. If they use any of this material all right. I felt rather assuming to send them material but they can do as they wish with it. It is 'late' news - if that is all that is desired. See I made provision for its rejection. I should not be surprised at that. I s ent one of the better copies of this too to Miss Saxton. I wonder is she still alive or doing the letters. Maybe someone in he Portland group . Maybe ask MissWelch, whether in case it is rejected, and notprinted they got the message from her. I should like them and the Presbyterial presidents to have this and give all my love. This gives you a wee bit with the other rattling news sheets. We have had a very peaceful , comparatively, turn over. There has been looting but not just here. We alomost had some groups enter, That is,they stood outside and looked at our wals but went on. Had the C not taken over before night I suspect hat we might have had a bit of trouble but as it was I slept like a log- tho the cook did not , and many of the men on the yard weeon the watch.

I have been out only a bit. They think it best for on not to go out * either Chinese or foreign - if it is not necessary.I'll go my regular jobs on Sunday tho. I wen tto the Girls8 School to the Bible class. as usual. With Bruce gone I find that much- all of the things have to come to me and do I need wisdon and dicretion and His Spirit'!!!.

I have mailed a pack of Christmas cards. They will not be enough either for mine noe yours but I am sending a big pkg to Mrs. DK West a la thr enclosed slip. I would have sent them to you so you could choose and perhaps sell for her. The money goes to the self help dep't of the Bible school. I would have sent all to you first but with the customs that you have in Seattle I hesitate to send things to you. I think tho that these will be not too many to bother you. They are paid for here and so I did not cut them in Mr. "est s bunch. I asked her to mailto you samples and to let you se what you can do for us. Any way you can choose yours .She should sent you the prices. I am enclosing the set of photos that I am sending to Pres Life and Outreach. If they do return the pictures to you then just send them the postage and use them or lkeep them.Might send them to the Presbyterials I am sorry that my hair is so very bad in them all and I look like an old hag. My checks are a bit thin but the shadows got them worse with the one and the dogs. I may never have mentioned that I have a polce dog. Flicka. She has had puppies once , She is a wonderful dog and has beena wonderful watch dog but does not bite folks. Just keeps strange folks that look sispicious to her. That is better with Flicka and Miss Fan. This set of us taken in the house to gt the bird are poor as the light is poor. We can let the bird out in the house but not outside. The Mitchells, of nterprise, gave me the bird. This on is such a miscievous one nd has such funny tricks and isfun to play with . I tried to get some pictures of it. Flicka is not very clear in these. Miss Fan was playing with an egg for her. I had a man come to type on the good copies of the reports. I have found one whose English is about good enough to do letters without too much correction and his typing is pretty accurate on the whole . It is a big help. Likely he can help me more and more .

That last letter to you about the rugs was supposed to be notarized. I went to the Amerivan C nsul to try to gt it done. They tole he the last mail was jst gone and the consul was at the pier. I hurried ther and that is the way I happened to see the last launch leave. It was the ECA man, Mr. Moore, so the consul asked him to mail the letters in Japan so your notarized letter did not get its seal on . You may tell the customs that it it will do any good in making them believe the report. You see that the sefond letter was the same aw the one sent to Bud, You may have been surpeised that I snd a sceomd copy. The point wsas to help on the establishment of the price. am comcerned ablut it. The most that you have had embarassment and trouble when I tried to do something nice for you.

Later . Now we have had our first Sunday since the occupation . We all were thinking- fearing- perhaps the outcome ,Fear that the services wo ld be smaller, that the upset would make eople unable to gt here. I had not been able to getthe passes for the truck and so amny had to come for such a long way . The dy turned out ot be a hoy all around.Form the student's meeting at 8:30 when the alked from all of the points that the bus had met before and then thru the afternooon for therefugee church whent here was the same goof crowd. Anumber came here to call to ask whether I was safe and well and had no fright IT was all vry nice. and thoughtful of them . Much love to all DearOnes. Warren's and all

AIR MAIL

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15 May 49

Dear Folks

The days seems to be a good one for the purpose of getting out a letter to you folks- the weather is a mite warmish (and how) it is not raining right at the moment and it wiol not be time to go ver to the Chapel for another 3/4 of an hour.

There is also the little matter of a letter from you to the family dated 30 Jan 49 which cals for an answer. Likewise there is the matter of a letter just received from Irene that takes some talking about- but I think that I can talk about it in fewer words than she did.

Lets us take up the matter of the recent letter from Irene. Will repeat all the essential information sinhe she may not have gotten out a letter to you.

She is concerned about those rugs- Did you receive all four of them? She only knows of one-which from the way Tizzard talked yesterday when I talked to him of the matter-was the big one. Tizzard told me that they were all each in seperate packages. He told me that he had heard from the Customs officials on or about 1 April and that they were advising him of their decision as to whether or not to confiscate the rugs later. He also told me that he had sent you a copy of a letter that he wrote the customs people sending them an affidavit of the fact that he was sending these rungs into the country as a personal gift and making no effort to avoid customs; and I think offering to pay the duty. The man is dealing with the Customs officers at Seattle, I think but if not there then San Francisco. This is different from the Post Office. There has been some other correspondance in the matter which escpaes me. At any rate Irene wants to know as of 20 Apr 49 what the rug situation is. I do not know, but have gotten Tizzards angle pretty well covered.

Included in Irenes letter was remark of two usable addresses that you may not know of; one is the usual address plus "Presnyterian Mission % American Consulate General, Navy 3919, Box 26 San Francisco" The other is enclose an addressed envelope in another envelope addressed to Chaplain JE Davis USN
USS Repose, A H 16
% FPO San Francisco

The above are for emergency use if the regular system fails.

I sent her a big package here a while back and it was delivered. Had a handbag packed full of things and took it down to the Air Transport Terminal here. Found a likely looking young man that was going to Tsingtao by air and he was willing to be burdones with the load which was not too heavy. She reports the receipt of her package. Sent such thigs as candy Kleenex and knicknakes. She reports having received some fresh butter here lately which is the item of longing at the moment. She had just been going thru a seige of changing some of their money into things like flour, gold bullion and similar valuables.

There was a letter from Warren here a while back which I answered at once. It seemed that one could see your handwork in the matter but the results were very satisfactory. It might even be that would write him again some day-who knows?

Just returned from Chapel where listened to a excellent sermon and now back with you again.

Later again.

You folks may have read of the Farnsworth murder case that is being tried here on

on Guam by military court martial? Havenot been down there yet nor do I expect to go. But, this afternoon, one of the members of the court wanted to be shown around the island. So spent the afternoon with him. It takes quite a while to get around even if it is a small island-36 miles overall lenght by 8 wide atthe most. We have several point of interest that displayed to him with all the fever of a Chamber of Commerce. It is now evening and must get this finished in some fashion or the others. Am also tired. Driving some 50 miles in a jeep over even good roads is no play day.

In your letter of 20 January whinh has been in my desk drawer since being forwarded by Bessyxm You mentioned the present situation with the pastorate and we hopethat you continue to make progress and that the folks do not find that getting two folks for the price of one is an extraoridnary thing. Tell thxm that you are giving modern, specialized, departmental service - that the reading department is your specialty and you insist upon giving them their money worth.

Itis alse to be hoped that the pastorate is a happy one. You mention the matter of six years yet before retirement. I have about 7 years and you know they seem to besuch a long long time out in fornt; yet we have passed many more than that behind us and they are such short evnnsts. You see if I can make the garde I can retire on my army pension only the amount will be pretty small for retire mment purposes. Then in another 5 years after that, or 12 years from now if the Lord lets me live that long I can retire with Red Cross pension which will then make -the two togather- a very comfortable living.

Monday morning

Had just gotten nicely to work when Mr Ellis, our Supervisor, called from over at MATS that a Mr(darn it have forgotten the name) had jsut landed from Tsingtao and wanted to see me for a talk. Went over and found two of them- YMCA - had been on recreation job over there with the Navy folks. He told me that every one was gone but some 14 assorted Missionary people and aboyt 8 Consular people. The missionary folks have assembled in the Prebyterian Mission compound, the Consul is in a barb wife entanglement deal close to the navy. He also gave another address as being kxm good but to use the American Consul as shown on thefirst page. The additional address is(enclose the letter in an other envelope

Chap Wm Dirks USN
USS Dixie % FPO San Francisco

Had a long talk with this man- Irene has mentioned his name(perhaps it was Purdy) We know all the facts that he told me, except that she stated that she is not leaving there but will continue on whether and regardless.

Glad to hear the news concerning each and all of your family and how they are doing. They all keep you quite busy just for one per on. Ones problems literally multiply.

Achor the fishing here is not too good. They mostly spear fish using a face mask for under water visibility. Usually either a screen door spring or rubber from a tire as a device to shoot the spear. Float along or swim easily under water and let goo at the target. The natives do not do much fishing-except accross the grocery store counter-the most of them work at high wages for the army or navy. The local population are very much gentlemen of color and leisure.

Good by for now

Lovingly

Lowell

4 Tsi Yang Road , Tsingtao. May 31, 1949 Still in Nationalist Hands - but hwbo knows how much longer we will bw as the ships loaded with the Nat * I presume- have pulled out thru the outer harbour tonight at about seven o'clock. Eric came over to tell me as I was finishing supper after the Shantung University Bible class- larger attendance than ever and a very wonderful spirit . The big cannons helping the ships out were booming thru it. Hsueh Chia Tao is said to be gone, they are said to be at Cheng Yang also at the Tsang Kou entrance , we have had no water since noon today. We went today to Mrs Hein's Bible class. Mrs Hanson led it and it was most helpful and good to sit in the quiet and meditate. I'll admit these last weeks have not had too much time for silent quiet. They had not been too happy about my going out this P.M. but the Sec. called the police dept and they said never mind. I was glad to have gone to the University. I feel that these days are a privilege indeed and every time I fell 'we must ca carry right on ' . We have curfew from eight PM.M till ' A.M. Eric is eating with Dick Bryant over in #3 so he has to hustle at times to get home before the time is up. We have had the walls reenforced with barbed wire - that suddenly got very cheap(as not a good thing to put in ones pocket to run with -) And hasn't Tsang been a peach . He just has repaired walls and done so many things. We are quite snug within our walls. * Thoroughly surrounded by former servants. The 8:30 prayer meeting for all of them and families in #6 chapel is wonderful. There are many just natural compensations is this situation and one is the increased closeness to this fine group of Chinese who surround us and depend so on us, as well as we on them .Tommy just called to ask the Tsang Kout church whether they had ameeting or not . They did not asked to be prayed for as in a very dangerous position. We've cancelled the radio as we can not get there before the curfew and the current does not come on till eight. #I has been all emptied out. and great was the cleaning in the attic. and Mrs Fay's man came for her things just at that time . All of your things Tuck are in the little room-in the attic, and in the dry room. I had the two best beds moved over here, a the dining room light,Mr. Chao and Tso live there . The gates are nailed and they enter thru their school yard.The same srvants live there. Dick is still up in #3 . Bruce wired that he and the family will be back. It may be soon now. A Norwegian ship is in bringing coal and that is why I can get this letter out-unless it suddenly decides to go I811 try to get the Christmas ards offf on it and anything else they have finished that I can get out. The radio and printing dept is upstairs in number 6. They g the back ddor . The living room and dining room are chapel(the big chairs and the daverport are there. We could not get them in the attic so brought them over . I have a telephone extention- my life-saver too. The B Bible school has moved its sewing machines and work department up in the Reed's apt. There are six girls sleeping there.It gives me a unit to belong to and to belong to the place, protects Miss Fan , gives many Ch inese coming in to the yard so none is conspicuous, also if the time comes that I have to go there is an organization and the ones I depend on the most who cou ld do what was possible to protect this place and the things. Most of the valuable things of the Mission are either here or in Bruce's house. If he should not return then we will have to re-adjust again and bring them over here. Reed's coal also under the #6 house. Kenny so good to get your letter and hear of Barbara's improvement. Praise God. Eleanor how I have missed you. my Trasurer- pal. and missed every one of you.

Our tenseness began last Tues. I had spent a day over Gordon's piano. He was sure thatall was set - he had not had the customs see the piano. I did not know its make. I reasoned it must be a Moutrie but that would not do, Then I said "let me pay futy" NO not Fair . I said oldpiano Those days too expensive to bring one from States so must be native .. but the next day still they insisted and took me cohorts armed with all of the iron implements on the place to open the box- New Chapll London'!!.. Then at last we got it all thru, just to go home , get a phome that he ship had pulled out suddenely . leaving half of the cargo off, and hurry up to get the things out of the godown before the Cs got them so again I tore off to reverse the processs and get them out.. By 5 they were all peacefully in repose in our godown. Shangahi had fallen and all a bit tense. After Thurs, IRC meeting and the annoucement that things wer still in the go-down but to hurry to ge them out.. you can imagine the yard here. Add to that the military were 'borrowing trucks' I wen was up at 6 to get the Lutheran hospital flour, then two corpses had to be taken to the graveyard---- he was so slow on he return that I started out to hunt him. Got turned back at Hsiao Tsun Chuang, went by SSuFang, got in found he'd delivered the bodies all right and gotten held up.I cuised around hunting him . That was a bit scarry ' civilain trucks all filled with troops dashing here and there, with fixed machine guns on the cabs. I almost had a passneger but avoided it. Wasn't I glad to get home and find IWEn and thetruck.. Man'!.. Sat still the streets were running with trucks and soldiers. I decided the S?S? retreat should meet, tho I went with he truck, Hd it not at the Huk but at Bib le school. Wonderful , all relax ed and laughed so at An wei's fish line and blinded folkd hunting the hhok... The relaxed fun and laughter made it worthwhile , refreshments and Fang Mu Shih ' s good talk. Sunday between Dick and I we kept the wheels rolling and out of the soldiers hands and not a service failed to meet. Students late but the little church was filled. Gave our our last relief things to tho those who came to church Sun.Foreign church good, too. Went out to talk with Luan . He wants a civilain gueard- a la Jap days to patrol . paper said no water ten days such a sramble for d

not corrected

6 AM

This is J ne2nd. This is the dqy I guess. This morning we were told that they were at SSu Fang . later that they would come around thru Chan Shan . Later we saw a very large ship pull of the harbour. Wonder whether li and his car are on it and Mr 'upset.' His phone has not answered all day . Tommy has kept me imformed. The yamen and the ploice building have contributed to the fires of the refugees. We had prayers and all went for lunch. [redacted] ... Word from Kao Kung is that there is fighting at SSuFang. Also that they are past the golf course. It will be over before too soon I think p hope so before night as it will be bad. T'ien men Road was all looted. Elder Hsueh has just co come back form there. Guess the buildings are too. We saw a lot of things being carried by all kinds of people along Shanghai Road. nce Miss Fan say from the upstairs a nu nber of groups lookking at our walls and investigating. That was soon after Dick's incident The men who held them up had been waiting for ssome time outsdie and looked rather viciou Mr Haaling kept calling and Tommy ung, word came that thry were at the race course. Then at Tung Chen and that the telephone office was taken over. No police were to be seen any place for an hour or so, Wonder about our Ten $ gift to the police for thier specil protection? This was the tensest time. The servants and An Wei were discussing how to guard the walls at night . Anout four thirty we saw heard that thry were in and lecturin g at the Jajanese temple. Soon son demanded the Chung Teh gates opened. Pr. C said let them in, They had come to call the students who had been thier s and already prompted to bring the rifles (that they had had for military training) and come out to protect the streets and put up the seven point proclamation. It was the same that we had seen before. Students , mostly of Li Hsien and some ChungTeh policed around us. The servants then felt the danger was about passed. Mr. Hanson called to say that the military had been walking past there for over an hours or so . with machine guns and small arms. Later they marched by Kiaochow and certain menof the city offices welcomed them there. I saw a truck load od them take over the People's Herald building. The roll od the proclamaions had come out of there to.. Dick came ov er , and eric and we all had a 'spot' of coffee8 and talked a bit. B then the tension was over pretty much. I called SSu Fang . cpuld get only Rev. Chow's son , said church had not been looted . I wam aorried about Mongolia Road. The girls had been apprehensive and asked to come in. However the curfew all day yesterday prevented that I assume. The third park soup kitchen was not looted. Elder Hsueh had talked to the crowd that had come in at first and they were ready to go when another unruly croed came in and he came away. The clinic had been moved to Kuan Cheng Road. Hsueh was afraid that it had gone likewise but no waord for sure about it.
Miss Fan is eating up with he students. They were rather afraid , today. My', these kids have never known anuthing but an uncertian future. What a time. later. the reportwas that Chung han Road was filledwith people and the troops came by and great cheers went up Golden Glory is not very haapy over the events. Sayssjust wait . How grateful I am for the telephone It has been a wonderful things to keep all in touch today. I called Miss Chai and they were all right . Tommy says the Municipal building was badly looted of all wood big tables, chairs, doors, all. That is the firs time tat thatlace has had that happen to it. Tommy sayd that the chinese ships are still in the harbour and shooting - It was n not clear at what but shooting. I do not hear it so it must be the smaller guns.
I have tried to type a report. for 'Presbyterin Life' if it is not scorned by them or The Outreach tp go along with the grand pictures that An Wei has . I'm sending a set along in this, I'll charge it to those od you who have money here. We had suxch fun yesterday gettin pictures. Cathy was not in as Dick co ld not catch her. I hope you can indentify he ones who are dear to you all . I think we can have a quiet night. I hope so . really the tense , frightening time was just about 2 hours around noon. Humanly the unrestrained human passions of mobs areto me the most frightening thing I know of but the deep pesce I have had thru it all is only another proof that this calmis a gift from God - it is the Gift- Gog, Himxself. Erva said one day, I wonder why I have not always been like I am these daays. hey have a new Chinese principal Mr Wang , the secretary .

Goodnight . I'll try to get these letters soon in the hands of the ship captain of th Norwegian ship and they will be mailed from Hong Kong. If we had not had two days of curfew I never could have done that nor this jumble - I know you will forgive the poor typing I have tried to hit that all od these years -- my skeleton is out --- Goodbye God bless

I. Forsythe, Presby. Mission, Tsingtao July 11'49.

Mrs. R. W. Achor, Grandview, Washington.

Dear Eula and all:

I am sending this sveral ways, hoping that one may eventually reach you and will you please send post card to the various ones in the family - to Dr & Mrs. Van Dusen, to Paul Fan, and to Dr. Ruland at the Board that so far we are all well. I sent some letters out thru H'kong early in June just after the taken over. I hope you receive those even tho they were very much delayed. If you did you will know that the takeover was comparatively peaceful that we were all in the compound, safe and there was nothing looted here. The wonderful present from God his peace and freedom from fear have been a very real miracle - especially those of you who know that I am not naturally brave will understand this. Daily I am grateful for the wonderful way God led and in our being able to cash checks just at the right time, for there is never been that chance since. We are now still under the military regime, questions have been answered and questionaries have been filled out, so far the school closing quietely and church meetings are still being carried on. They declared purpose of protection of foreign personnel and giving religious liberty have been maintained. Whatever the future holds is in His hands and He walks ahead. I am convinced that was right to stay and I will still feel so even if from just looking at the results one should find it a fruitless and thankless task. I feel it is a tremendous privilege to be here these days. Please tell Dr. Van Dusen that the consul who lived in his house had to leave just before the turnover, so at present it is empty, but being cared for by a watchman, according to their instructions, and on the advice of Mr. Boerter. I have gone out a few days eating lunch and had swim there. Mr. Boerter said that it has no balance in his account, so the arrangement for Paul Fan to send them money so his family could draw them here should be cancelled, and if he had already sent the July money as was planned, they can make it right with him. The fence needs repairing. There is strong wire fence wall on iron sticks on the Reider side down on the sea wall, but there is no gate and the other wires are all down. I will see whether it seems worth while to put more money or not. I do not have much extra and the demand on me in the future are uncertain We think of them very often specially on going out where Mary loved them so much and send love to them. The house is in good condition. Please tell Paul about this change and tell him not to send the month payment to Dr. Van Dusen. Tell him that his brother is continuing under the present regime, and so far with what has been paid them and what they had otherwise available will help them to manage. Tell him not to worry and if later there is need or possibility of sending money we will let him know. The family are all well. The sight of his mother's eye is fair and she is able to carefor herself. If it were normal, she would probably want to go back to the country home and manager her younger daughter's affairs, so perhaps now this unforced rest may be a blessing after all. We all send our love. Hope the baby and them are all well. Just now it is impossible to tell you now to get mail to us and the medicine that was ordered to sen thru the consular address seems also cut off. Now suppose you try to write me in care of Mr. Harold G. Ruch, Presbyterian Mission House, 11A Carnarvon Rd. Kowloon, Hongkong, for we have had some letters from Hongkong. It may be you can reach me this way. Don't worry about me even if you cannot. I expect somehow mail would be opened up soon. We have all that we need now for our daily needs, and "Angie" has a license for driving. But since gas is now US$2 a gallon we are very loathe to use up our limited supply so drive only when necessary. We have fuel oil for the winter, so you can all rest your heart about us. Our hot weather is begining, but is not too hot. I succeeded in getting Gertrude Dungan's ice box repaired. I try to share with many to make it seem less luxury, but it is wonderful to have it. Mrs. Seufert has her insulin in it. Words from Tsinan says that Mr. Davies and Hellan McClain are well and carrying on their work. The middle school classroom bldg was burned, the causes are not known. Morgans were in Hongkong at the turnover. We hope their family and Evelyn Bryant can come back soon. It is not a good time to move around in China and it is difficult to get passes. Eula, give my love to the twin s and hope they are well and their families. Has Emmett gotten home? Love to Mergive and Bessie, what about the rugs? Roy catch some fish for me. DeEtta have you seen the grand children recently. Warren, are you keeping well? I hope so and send my love to all. Add Dr. Lautourette and Hohns names to the list for a note to them.

I'd like to see the recent book about our mind reading

Presbyterian Mission Home,
11-A Carnarvon Rd.,
Kowloon, Hongkong
Aug. 7, 1949

Dear Mrs. Achor:

In the past several days several pieces of mail have crept through the ~~communist~~ nationalist blockade from Tsingtao, and some of these have been from your sister Irene. I don't know you personally, but we know Irene so well, and think so much of her, and have heard so much about you from her, that I don't feel we need a formal introduction. Up to the last note which I received from Irene I didn't have your address, but it carried your address and asked me to write you a note. The people in the office here mention that they have recently forwarded a letter from her to you, so this is not the first word you have had from her.

Her letters to us cover a period from June 8, six days after the liberation of Tsingtao, to June 23. We are keeping them on file here, because much of her space is confined to mission business, finance, etc., but I shall try to give you a little of the spirit of them.

As she may have told you, the nationalists pulled out of Tsingtao unexpectedly, after having defeated the communists in two battles thirty miles north. They did this latter, apparently to to cover their retreat. There was not much contact between the two armed forces during the actualy evacuation of the nationalist forces. There was a period of six hours of lack of authority, providentially in broad daylight, but even the daylight did not prevent substantial looting in the poorer sections of the city, and the destruction of all trees, many of the relief feeding kitchens and clinics, etc. However the mission properties were untouched. The American consula described the turnover as bloodless and quiet. Up to this time there seem to have been few fo the troubles in Tsingtao that have beset Shanghai,,, probably becuase Tsingtao is smaller, and also becauise the communist roots in Shantung are very old. The paper here yesterday disclosed that the railroad to Tsinan and thence to Peiping is open and great supplies of grain, cotton, coal and firewood have reached Tsingtao, for the first time since the Japanese.

Irene mentions that the c mmunists were taking hold of the local administration nicely, and seemed to be doing many fair things. She was able to obtain a license for her car, but not for the other two vehicles.... on the basis that they were at first going to license one third of all cars, while new traffic policemen were taking training. On the 23rd of June she mentions have an official visit from one of the communist leaders. She got out her lace doilies and gave him tea. He was very polite, but mentioned that she was living alone(Miss Fan is living in the upstairs apartment with some students). Irene said "I have no husband and children, what can I do but". He laughed. He told her that he thought that we Morgans would be able to get the permits we've

applied for to return to Tsingtao. The churches seem to be having a tendency to ~~unti~~ unite under the stress, but attendance has be en excellent. The students have not been too rambunctious. Many of the refugeee Christians have obeyed the communist pressure to return to their homes in the country. The principal of the girls' middle school, ~~Mrs~~ Miss Portia Chai, is obeying the communist regulations to the letter of the law but with tongue in cheek. Mr. Chao, the principal of the boys school is in Irene's words "a tower of strength".

We have had telegraphic communication with Irene and Dick Bryant as recently as two weeks ago and all is still fine and they are planning on the treturn of Mrs. Bryant and all three of us Morgans. The nationalist blockade seems to be collapsing, particularly in the north, and there are now frequent ships direct from here to Tsingtao, so that mail can come and go, and we can go north as soon as our permits are obtained.

You can use this address for mail to Irene. If you wish to wire her, sned it here, c/O Morgan, Phillipic, Hongkong. That's all the address necessary. Telegrams seem to get through to Tsingtao in about ten hours. I think it may be possible, through shipping men, to send up even small parcels, and small US dollar checks if you have any occasion to do either.

Will close this now. Hope you are all well. Don't worry about Irene. I'm sure she's fine, and the Good Lord is over it all.

Sincerely, Dick Morgan

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11-A Carnarvon Rd.,
Kowloon, Hongkong

This is George. I am happy. All is o.k. Please write a letter in advance of your coming

Yours in Christ-
George.

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Tsingtao, Sept. 1st. 1949.

Dear Mr. Morgan,

Please send the attached letter to my sister, Mrs. R. W. Achor, Grandview, Wn., and tell her to make copies to Dr. & Mrs. C.C. Van Deusen, Amenia N.Y. The Board of Foreign Mission, Mrs. M.M. Rumsey , Mr. Wise, Presbyterial's family.

Thank you for the trouble.

Yours Sincerely,

Irene Forsythe

Irene Forsythe.

Hong Kong
Sept. 13

Dear Mrs Achor -

We're following Irene's instructions and sending these on to you. I sent a small package your way yesterday - Xmas cards and some very good pictures.

This is the latest word we have had from Tsingtao. As we hear more we'll pass it quickly to you. I do hope the mark can go on. We are still waiting for passes to return to Tsingtao - but doubt very much that we get back.

If you want to send letters here to us for Irene - we'll be glad to get them in for you!

Very sincerely
Ruth M. Morgan

American Presbyterian Mission,
Tsi Yang Road, # 4
Tsingtao, Shantung, China.

Please write to:
Miss Irene Forsythe,
c/o American Presbyterian Mission
11A Carnarvon Road,
Kowloon,
Hongkong.

Tsingtao, Sept. 1st. 1949.

Dear Friends,

Just now word has come of a ship going to Hongkong. I'll send a note only. Mail just now is opened here for U.S. So I can write more later to you. There is time now only for a note to tell you all is well, that the busy Summer is about over and the usual activities,conferences and services have been carried on. We have had the use of the "Angel" and it has been very wonderful. The Vans house at the Huk has been marvelous retreat in the day time. Do not worry, I am going slow and having some special times out there. We have fuel for Winter and food. Now we can cash checks. God is so sufficient and the great peace of heart from the Master's daily Presence is beyond comparison. Whatever the outcome there is the assurance of the carrying out of His Will these days.

May God's Best be yours. I am grateful for each of you and your help.

Love,
Irene Forsythe
Irene Forsythe.